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- . The Ploydiw Departmental Prison
- 1. In January 1952 there were approximately 700 political prisoners in the Plovdiv Departmental Prison. At the same time there were also approximately 400 criminal prisoners.
- 2. As of January 1952 a certain First Lieutenant Boyadzhiev, age 40, and a certain First Lieutenant "Bai Kiro", age 45, were the assistant directors of the prison.
- 3. The following men were inmates of the political section of the Plovdiv Departmental Prison in January 1952, and were transferred to the Pazardzhik Prison in May 1952:
  - a. Emin Karayabukov, age 50, from Mogilitsa, Smolyan Okoliya; he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment for anti-Communist activity;
  - b. Peycho Slavov Peychev, age 36, from Varna Okoliya; a State Security employee before September 1944, he was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for anti-Communist activity; he should be released during the autumn of 1952 (sic);
  - c. ex-Lieutenant Colonel Stefan Georgiev Stefanov, age 48, from Kazanluk; he was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1946 for anti-Communist activities; and
  - d. Petko Tavelkov Toshev, age 45, from Podgore, Vidin Okoliya; a forest guard who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for anti-Communist activity.

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## The Pazardzhik Prison

- 4. There were approximately 900 prisoners in the Pazardzhik Prison in May 1952. The prison is two kilometers north of Pazardzhik. It is a 2-story building approximately 65 by 15 meters and has a single-story wing which is approximately 35 by 20 meters.
- 5. The following men were inmates of the Pazardzhik political prison in May 1952:
  - a. Nayden Fortunov, age 47, from Mrachenik, Karlovo Okoliya; a farmer who was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment;
  - b. Georgi Gavazov, a partisan who is kept in solitary confinement ("Zad Zavesata", Behind the Curtain); and
  - c. Lieutenant Colonel Kostov, age 52, from the Botevgrad area, the former commanding officer of troops in Ruse who was sentenced to 15 years! imprisonment in 1945.

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